
By: **Delegate Arnick**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages - Light Wine -~~Definition~~**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of light wine that is applicable to certain
4 alcoholic beverages provisions of law by increasing the maximum allowable
5 percentage of alcohol by volume; altering for certain counties the maximum
6 allowable percentage of alcohol by volume for light wine; and generally relating
7 to light wine.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 1-102(a)(1)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
15 Section 1-102(a)(17) and 4-101
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

2 1-102.

3 (a) (1) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (17) "Light wine" means any naturally fermented wine containing not in
5 excess of [14] 15.5 percent of alcohol by volume.

6 4-101.

7 (a) In the jurisdictions listed in this section, "light wine" is a fermented
8 beverage that contains not in excess of [14] 15.5 percent of alcohol by volume unless
9 another percentage is listed.

10 (b) Allegany County.

11 (c) Anne Arundel County.

12 (d) Baltimore City.

13 (e) Baltimore County -- 22 PERCENT.

14 (f) Calvert County.

15 (g) Caroline County -- 22 percent.

16 (h) Carroll County -- 22 PERCENT.

17 (i) Cecil County.

18 (j) Charles County.

19 (k) Dorchester County -- 22 percent.

20 (l) Frederick County -- 22 PERCENT.21 (m) Garrett County -- 22 PERCENT.

22 (n) Harford County -- 23 percent.

23 (o) Howard County.

24 (p) Kent County -- 22 percent.

25 (q) Montgomery County -- 22 percent (includes naturally fermented or
26 fortified wines).

27 (r) Prince George's County.

28 (s) Queen Anne's County -- 22 percent.

1 (t) St. Mary's County -- 22 percent.

2 (u) Somerset County -- 22 percent.

3 (v) Talbot County -- 22 PERCENT.

4 (w) Washington County.

5 (x) Wicomico County -- 22 percent.

6 (y) Worcester County -- 22 percent.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2003.